

SALES OF A SEASON

General Condition of the Furniture Business for July.

DEALERS CLAIM 90 PER CENT

Of the Usual Sales—Outside Place Their Trade at 90 Per Cent—It Will Improve in September.

A few furniture buyers are dropping in every day, but the 1903 season is virtually closed. Taking it as a whole, it has not been so prosperous as some seasons; but at the same time it has compared favorably with others. A reporter for THE HERALD interviewed some of the leading local and outside salesmen and a consensus of their opinion cannot fail to be of interest to the trade.

In the first place, the sales of good furniture have been gratifyingly large. They have far exceeded the expectations of the manufacturers. In the cheap line so much cannot be said, and many of the sales will go home disappointed. The dealers in high grade furniture have not been affected by the financial scare so much as the other concerns. They have a well-established trade and their customers are a class of persons who are not greatly affected by minor fluctuations in the money market. This is particularly true of the eastern buyers. Those from New York, Boston and Philadelphia have bought with their usual freedom and have not been hampered by the ineffectual panic. Those from the west have been seized by an uncertainty and have bought only what was absolutely necessary.

As an illustration of this it is said that a few weeks ago a dealer started for this city with the intention of purchasing \$10,000 worth of goods. When he reached Chicago he stopped over to see the fair, and while there became so thoroughly impressed that he decided to cut his prospective purchase in two. After leaving he was persuaded the whole matter and finally brought \$18,000 worth. He was a little uncertain about it, but decided he would risk it. He started for home by the way of Chicago, and while visiting the second time in the world's fair city he caught the panic again. He telegraphed back here to hold the goods and the salesmen are thinking seriously of sending him a bottle of nerve tonic.

The local manufacturers on the whole, it is said, have sold at least 90 per cent of their usual amount. Some have fallen off and a few have had no sales at all. But the outside sales have not done so well. Five of them stated last night that their sales would not average more than 60 per cent of what they had done on previous visits. They were inclined also to question whether the entire July sales had amounted to more than 70 per cent of what they were for July, 1902.

If the banks had waited thirty days longer before shutting down on loans, the market here would not have been affected in the least, and the sales would have been as large as in former seasons. But even so it is the aggregate amount of sales will be affected little, if at all. When business brightens up in September the traveling men will make good any deficiency in the July trade. This is the opinion of the best posted men in the market, and it is the opinion to presume that they know what they are talking about.

City News in Brief.

Martha Winn wants a divorce from J. E. Winn. They were married two weeks ago, but Mrs. Winn left her husband after less than a week of married life. She does not state in her bill why she will not live with him, but alleges extreme cruelty. Mr. Winn is a well-known contractor in the city.

James Daily, one of the Mill Creek burglars in jail waiting trial, received a letter yesterday from his wife, who is in Chicago, saying that she and Daily's brother will be here this week to secure his release on bail. He is held under bonds of \$1,500.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Press club will be held in the new rooms Wednesday evening. The club will take supper in the club rooms before the meeting. All who will take part in the program should notify Col. M. A. Aldrich.

Another meeting will be held next Friday night in the Hon. John Steiner's office at No. 51 Monroe street by the Holland Americans, who have the arrangements in charge for the big excursion to the world's fair August 30.

The annual meeting of the Grand Rapids Retail Grocers' association will be held tonight in Protective Brothers' hotel hall at No. 6 Pearl street. Officers will be elected and important business will be brought before the meeting.

The board of supervisors' committee on buildings gave Sheriff Lamoreaux an extra allowance to pay a night watchman at the jail and the court officers are now alternating in performing that duty.

The Milk Dealers' association will hold a meeting next Tuesday evening at the residence of M. T. McNamara, No. 68 Lake avenue, to make arrangements for the milk industry annual picnic.

Miss Nellie Fisher of No. 43 Garden street, was very agreeably surprised by her parents Saturday afternoon, who presented a superb piano to her the day being her 12th birthday.

A civil service examination will be held in the government building. All those out of employment and others who wish a soft spot in the government employ should attend.

Lieutenant Connor of No. 1 engine house and wife will leave this morning for a two-week visit at Saratoga Springs and Salem, New York.

H. A. Hopkins, Congressman Richman's clerk, will go to Jackson and Lansing today. The two will go to Washington on Wednesday.

Inspector Harvey of the police department expects to return from the world's fair today and report at the station for duty tonight.

The remains of C. D. Welver, who died Saturday morning, will be shipped to Detroit today for burial.

Local Social Templars are busy arranging for the excursion to Hackley Park next Friday.

Regular meeting of the common council tonight.

Yesterday was change day for the poles.

Personal Mention.

Judge Robert M. Montgomery has moved his family to Lansing to comply with the law which makes it necessary for judges of the supreme court to reside in the capital.

D. S. Hopkins and wife spent five weeks in Chicago and did the fair more

comfortably than most of people who go from Grand Rapids. Mr. Hopkins shipped his horses and carriage to Chicago so that he could drive about the city and to and from the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gibney and son Harry of No. 219 Garden street returned yesterday from a week's visit with Mrs. Gibney's parents at Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Mary A. Smith and daughters, the Misses Catherine and Emily, of No. 308 Garden street have returned from a week's outing at Macatawa Park.

Miss Agnes Caulfield has returned from a visit to the world's fair. She was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Hoops, formerly of this city.

Mrs. Lillian G. Annin has returned from Mackinac Island, where she was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Hull.

H. J. Hollister and son John are on their way to Europe. Mr. Hollister goes for his health.

Mrs. George Raymond has returned from the world's fair.

Miss Emma Field spent Sunday at Ottawa Beach.

IN THEIR OWN CASTLE.

Knights of Pythias Will Soon Move In to Castle Hall.

On the south side of Wealthy avenue, near East street, surrounded by a wide lawn and fringed with handsome shade trees, stands a large white house which has the appearance of a large family residence. Thousands of persons passing it daily do not know its real character. It is the castle of Imperial Lodge No. 134, Knights of Pythias. All summer workmen have been busy remodeling the place until it is without doubt the finest place in the city in which any lodge of any order meets. Imperial lodge has been holding its meetings in Armory hall on Ionia street, but now Castle hall, as it is called, is completed except as to furnishing, which will be accomplished so that the first meeting there will be held August 11. On September 1 the officers of the grand lodge will assist in dedicating the building. The lodge is very prosperous, having 100 members, more than 100 of whom reside in the east end.

Was a Sad Arrest.

James Delaney, who gave his residence as Jackson and occupation as a fireman, and Miss Alice Worrier, who said she was employed as a domestic in a family on Tenth avenue, were arrested by Marshal Ross on Wealthy avenue yesterday afternoon for fast driving. Delaney was placed in jail and Miss Worrier was taken to her home under promise that she would appear in justice court this morning for trial. When taken into the jail office she fainted away. She had never been arrested before and the officers took pity on her and she was permitted to sleep at home. The parties had been drinking freely at Ross's lark.

Fell From a Street Car.

Gustave Sorkness of No. 845 Fair street was attacked by dizziness Friday evening while riding on a South Division street car, and when near the corner of Fair street fell from the car while it was running at a high rate of speed. He fell on the back of his head and was severely injured. He was carried to his residence by neighbors and has been confined to his bed since. Mr. Sorkness has been in poor health for several weeks past, but it is thought his injury will not result seriously.

Rockers Again Victorious.

The Rockers again defeated the Democrats in an exciting game of ball yesterday afternoon. This leaves the Rockers the undisputed champions of the city. Following is the score by innings:

Rockers.....	4	2	1	0	5	4	7	0	—29
Democrats.....	4	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	—11

The features of the game were the heavy hitting of the Rockers and Kugel's coolness at critical times. Batteries—Rockers, Kugel and Hawley; Democrats, Murry, Kibbens and Wilson.

Arrested a Crowd of Disorderlies.

Early yesterday morning Patrolman Madigan arrested Anton Jeunus, Andrew Burke, Anthony Lorine, John Muskatle, William Muscatle, William Smith and John Miller on Myrtle street for breach of the peace. They were taken to the station where they remained until yesterday afternoon. Later at the county jail they were released on bail to appear in police court this morning.

Luckily Escaped Injury.

Yesterday afternoon as Dr. G. L. Root of the Gilbert Block was driving at the corner of Canal and Bridge streets, his horse ran against Mrs. Ringwood and little daughter of No. 250 Jackson street and knocked them down. The horse also fell flat on the pavement. Mrs. Ringwood and daughter escaped with slight bruises, and no damage was done.

Died.

FISHER—In Sparta township, July 29, Charles Ross Fisher, oldest son and second child of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fisher, in the 18th year of his age. Funeral from the family residence, No. 321 Cherry street, at 2 o'clock this (Monday) morning.

E. G. Cherrymann, director, No. 25 East Ful

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS.

Big Damages Asked In a Railroad Suit at St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 30.—The Wiggins Ferry company brought suit yesterday against the Chicago & Alton road, praying for damages in the sum of \$1,500,000. The petition begins by reciting that on April 28, 1894, the Wiggins company and the Alton & St. Louis railroad (which later became the Chicago & Alton) entered into agreement regarding the ferrying business between the Illinois and Missouri shores, opposite St. Louis, each to transfer business to the other, and the defendant specially stipulating that it would always employ the Wiggins Ferry company to transfer across the river all passengers and freight taken across the river seaward by the said railroad company, and should have the profits accruing from all such transportation. Notwithstanding this agreement, the Wiggins Ferry company complains that it has not always been employed by the railroad to do the ferrying business between the Illinois and Missouri shores, and that it has employed other parties to convey passengers and freight over the river, ever since August 7, 1898—at least some 2,000

passengers and 300 railroad cars having been thus diverted in violation of the contracts above mentioned and which has deprived the ferry company of business amounting to \$1,000 a day from the day mentioned to the date of the suit. The petition alleges that the validity of this contract was settled in a suit instituted in this court in June, 1872, in which judgment to the amount of \$103,879 was rendered against the defendant and which judgment the railroad company eventually paid.

CLINGS TO HER HUSBAND.

Unless Louise Meir Is Recognized as a Wife She Must Return.

RAUMBERG, July 30.—If Dr. George Krieh, instructor of history at the Johns Hopkins University, does not recognize as his wife Louise Meir, who arrived here on the steamship Stuttgart, the woman will be returned to Europe. The certificate and letters she has shown plainly enough that the doctor is her husband, but he does not care to renew a relationship that has become distasteful to him. According to the woman's story she met Dr. Krieh last year when the latter was touring in Switzerland. Although five years the doctor's senior, she being 30 and he 35, he fell deeply in love and on March 31 they were married. After living with her for a time he returned home to his studies, leaving his bride with her relatives. In due time a child was born. She apprised him of the fact, but he sent a letter, which she has, and in which he tells her that their positions in life were so different that it was best they parted. But the woman insisted on clinging to her liege lord. So she came here. She only had \$30, and Dr. Krieh is now in Chicago with other Hopkins professors who are doing the fair. Unless he sends word acknowledging the woman as his wife she must return.

BICYCLISTS AT ST. LOUIS.

Some Very Fine Finishes Were Made During the Events.

St. Louis, July 30.—The first meet in this city of the National Cycling association, better known as the Cash Prize league, took place before over 4,000 wheel enthusiasts at the new Sportman's park this afternoon. H. C. Wheeler won the inaugural event handsily. C. W. Ashinger was successful in the second after a hot contest with Frank Albert. Wheeler finished third. Klage won the ten mile handicap after a furious wind up with Albert. Wheeler started but quit after racing three miles. Fuhrman was awarded first money in the last event because no other novices started.

Rich, Klage and Price finished as

naused for second and third money. This was the inaugural big meet held on the track.

Sporting Notes.

Following are the events at Sturgis today, which is the opening of the meet: 250 stake trotting, No. 11, closed; best three in five, mile heats, \$3,000; 2:24 stake trotting, No. 12, closed; best three in five, mile heats, \$3,000; 2:35 stake pacing, No. 34, closed; best two in three, mile heats, \$1,000; 2:20 class trotting, closes July 17th; one mile dash, \$500.

YESTERDAY'S BALL GAMES.

First game—

Loos..... 4 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 10 10 4

Cin'ti..... 0 2 2 0 1 1 0 0 1 7 13 4

Batteries—Menden, Hemming and Grim; Parrot and Murphy. Umpire—Snyder.

Second game—

Louisville..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 7 1

Cincinnati..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 0

Batteries—Hemming and Grim; King and Vaughn. Umpire Snyder.

Elevator Burned.

CLARKSVILLE, Mich., July 30.—The elevator of E. F. Cool, partially filled with coal, was ignited by a spark from a boiler at 11:15 tonight and is burning to the ground. The loss will probably reach \$1,000. Owing to it being a still night, with no wind, no other property will suffer.

Cadets to Visit the Fair.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, July 30.—Lieut. E. A. Lewis has made arrangements to take the battalion of cadets of M. A. C. to camp at the world's fair on Midway Plaisance, leaving their headquarters August 18 and visiting the fair for ten days as a military body.

Michigan Pensioners.

Original—George F. Hoisingen, Aaron J. Payner, Ferdinand Skiff, James C. Corbin. Increase—Charles Caley, William Galbraith, Henry H. Percy. Reissue—Henry L. Wood, John C. Cooley, Chester Williams. Julia Ann Quick, Aurelia A. Hull, Amer Elwell (father), Jane Whitford, Mary A. Schultz.

Set Him Right.

George Augustus Sala, the well known English writer, on his last Australian trip, wrote as follows to The London Daily Telegraph:

"I especially have a pleasant remembrance of the ship's doctor—a very experienced maritime medic indeed, who tended me most kindly during a horrible spell of bronchitis and spasmodic asthma, provoked by the sea fog which had swooped down on us just after we left San Francisco. But the doctor's presence and the increasing warmth of the temperature as we neared the Tropics, and in particular, a couple of ALLANCOCK'S POREUS PLASTERS clapped on—the chest and another set me right—the shoulder blades—soon set me right."

K. O. T. M.

on

Seven Islands.

Sunday, August 6, the K. O. T. M. societies of Grand Rapids will give an excursion to Grand Ledge and the popular resort Seven Islands, in Grand Traverse. This is one of the many beautiful places in Michigan especially adapted for picnic and pleasure excursions, and is very popular with all who have had the good fortune to visit it. Two steamers ply up and down the river, and with an plentiful supply of small boats afford opportunity for pleasure in that line. Other means of enjoyment are also pro-

vided, and a day may be spent there very pleasantly. A good hotel on the grounds serves meals at reasonable rates. Special train will leave Grand Rapids at 9 a. m. and leave Grand Ledge returning at 9 p. m. Round trip, \$1.00.

The Gas Company.

Requests those who intend to connect their premises with its street mains this season to make early application at the office, as the company does not wish to discharge the men employed in that work until obliged to. No charge is made for running service pipes if the premises are within thirty feet of the street lines.

Just One Kick East.

Is where Weatherly & Pulte have removed to their new building. Nos. 97 and 99 Pearl street is the place.

It is a Success.

Our great rebate sale is a success far beyond our most sanguine expectations, proving to us that the people of Grand Rapids are alive to the fact that when we advertise a sale they are sure to get bargains. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend this sale the past week we will continue it for one week longer.

Bear in mind this fact, we sell shoes as cheap as money will buy them, and in addition we give one dollar with every \$5 purchase; fifty cents with every \$2.50 purchase; twenty-five cents with every \$1.50 purchase.

Come at once and see for yourself that we do just as we advertise, and we are confident that you will take advantage of this opportunity and save a dollar, as many others have done, at O'Hara's, 72 Canal street.

To the Ladies.

F. C. Hall, representing the Empire Bamboo Furniture company, Syracuse, N. Y., with offices on the fifth floor of the New Gilbert block, wishes to announce to the ladies that he will close out his entire line of samples at a great sacrifice in prices. The goods have been on display for the benefit of the furniture buyers and consists of everything beautiful and novel in bamboo. In the stock will be found chairs, chamber suits, tables, fancy cabinets, couches, divans, etc.

Excursion to Muskegon.

Friday, August 4, the D. G. H. & M. Railway company will run an excursion train to Muskegon via Grand Haven and steamer. Train will leave Grand Rapids at 7:25 a. m. Arrive Grand Haven 9:30 a. m., making direct connection with steamer. Arriving Muskegon 10 a. m. Fare for the round trip only \$1.00.

JAMES CAMPBELL, City Agent.

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